On 3/13/2016 I ran into a similar error like I encountered earlier. The theme of the application could not be changed from the default. The fix was to use a newer version of Android. I also created an interface using only java code, an app to test that my fix for the theme change worked, as well as a simple interface with some buttons to play around with placement on screen.

On 3/15/2016 I created an app that takes gesture inputs as well as an app that utilizes a grid format for the interface.